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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Proposed Addition

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Proposed addition to the procurement list; reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: We are reopening the comment period for the addition to the Procurement List of vegetable oil (domestic) to be furnished to the Federal government by a nonprofit agency employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities. In this document, we are clarifying the Federal government requirement for this product. This action will allow interested persons additional time to prepare and submit comments.

DATES: Submit your written comments on this action on or before March 6, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments on this action to the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Jefferson Plaza 2, Suite 10800, 1421 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3259.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR TO SUBMIT COMMENTS CONTACT: Sheryl D. Kennerly, Telephone: (703) 603-7740, Fax: (703) 603-0655, or e-mail skennerly@jwod.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 10, 2004, we published in the Federal Register (69 FR 71777-71778) a notice to add five products and one service to the Procurement List, and to delete one service from the Procurement List. We solicited public comments on these actions for 30 days, ending January 9, 2005.

Since the publication of the notice, we have determined that it is necessary to clarify the Federal government requirement for one of the products to be added: Vegetable Oil (Domestic), 10 percent of U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Requirement, 8945-00-NSH-0002; NPA: Advocacy and Resources Corporation, Cookeville, Tennessee; Contracting Activity: USDA, Farm Service Agency, Washington, DC. At this time the product would be provided exclusively as liquid oil (all

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types) in one gallon bottles in a quantity equivalent to 10% of the total government requirement for refined, packaged, vegetable oil for domestic purchases regardless of type or pack style according to CID A-A-20091, Salad Oil, Vegetable. If the Committee approves this addition, USDA will be

required to procure the product from the specified nonprofit agency employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

As a result of this clarification, we are reopening the comment period for this proposed addition to the Procurement List for an additional 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. This will give interested persons additional time to respond. We will also consider all comments we received during the original comment period (December 10, 2004 through January 9, 2005).

Authority: 41 U.S.C. 46-48c.

Dated: February 1, 2005.

G. John Heyer,

General Counsel.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Proposed Additions and Deletions

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Proposed additions to and deletions From Procurement List.

SUMMARY: The Committee is proposing to add to the Procurement List products and services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities, and to delete services previously furnished by such agencies.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before: March 6, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Jefferson Plaza 2, Suite 10800, 1421 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3259.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C 47(a)(2) and 41 CFR 51-2.3. Its purpose is to provide interested persons an opportunity to submit comments on the proposed actions.

Additions

If the Committee approves the proposed additions, the entities of the Federal Government identified in this notice for each product or service will

be required to procure the products and services listed below from nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

- 1. If approved, the action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the products and services to the Government.
- 2. If approved, the action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the products and services to the Government.
- 3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the products and services proposed for addition to the Procurement List.

Comments on this certification are invited. Commenters should identify the statement(s) underlying the certification on which they are providing additional information.

End of Certification

The following products and services are proposed for addition to Procurement List for production by the nonprofit agencies listed:

Products

Product/NSN: Can, Friction Top, 8110-00-178-8289, 8110-00-178-8290. NPA: East Texas Lighthouse for the Blind, Tyler, Texas. Contracting Activity: Defense Supply Center Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Services

Service Type/Location: Base Supply Center, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

NPA: Central Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired, Utica, New York. Contracting Activity: Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Service Type/Location: Custodial Services, Howard M. Metzenbaum United States Courthouse, 201 West Superior Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

NPA: VGS, Inc., Cleveland, Ohio. Contracting Activity: GSA, PBS-5P, Chicago, Illinois. Service Type/Location: Custodial Services, Naval Base Ventura County, Ventura, California.

NPA: PRIDE Industries, Inc., Roseville, California. Contracting Activity: ROICC/Naval Base Ventura County, Point Mugu, California.

Service Type/Location: Janitorial/Custodial, Veterans Affairs Community Based Outpatient Clinic, 4440 Calle Real, Goleta, California.

NPA: Work Training Programs, Inc., Santa Barbara, California.
Contracting Activity: Veteran Integrated Service Network 22, Long Beach,
California.

Deletions

Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

- 1. If approved, the action may result in additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities.
- 2. If approved, the action may result in authorizing small entities to furnish the services to the Government.
- 3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the services proposed for deletion from the Procurement List.

End of Certification

The following services are proposed for deletion from the Procurement List:

Services

Service Type/Location: Disassembly of Recorders, U.S. Geological Survey, Hydrologic Instrumentation Facility, Stennis Space Center, Mississippi. NPA: South Mississippi Regional Center, Long Beach, Mississippi. Contracting Activity: Department of Interior, USGS, Reston, Virginia. Service Type/Location: Janitorial/Custodial, U.S. Army Reserve Center, Hoyt Avenue, Binghamton, New York.
NPA: Sheltered Workshop for the Disabled, Inc., Binghamton, New York. Contracting Activity: Department of the Army, Fort Drum, New York. Service Type/Location: Rehabilitation of Recorder Covers, U.S.

NPA: South Mississippi Regional Center, Long Beach, Mississippi. Contracting Activity: Department of Interior, USGS, Reston, Virginia.

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Geological Survey, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Addition and Deletion

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase from People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Additions to and Deletions from Procurement List.

SUMMARY: This action adds to the Procurement List products to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities, and deletes from the Procurement List a service previously furnished by such agencies.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 6, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Jefferson Plaza 2, Suite 10800, 1421 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia, 22202-3259.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR TO SUBMIT COMMENTS CONTACT: Sheryl D. Kennerly, Telephone: (703) 603-7740, Fax: (703) 603-0655, or e-mail SKennerly@jwod.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Addition

On December 3, 2004, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice (69 F.R. 70223) of proposed additions to the Procurement List.

The following comments pertain to Tape, Pressure Sensitive.

Comments were received from the current contractor for these tapes in response to a Committee request for sales data. The contractor stated that it would experience an initial drop in sales volume, followed by termination of three employees, all with families, immediately. The contractor also noted that it had recently been certified as a participant in the 8(a) program.

The percentage of its sales which the contractor stated it would lose is well below the level which the Committee normally considers to constitute severe adverse impact. The current contract was not awarded under the 8(a) program, so the Committee's policy on refraining from adding products and services on 8(a) contracts to the Procurement List is not applicable in this situation. Taking all these circumstances into account, the Committee considers it appropriate to add the tapes to the Procurement List and create jobs for blind persons, whose unemployment rate is higher than the persons who will likely lose their jobs as a result of the Committee's action.

The following material pertains to item being added to the Procurement List.

After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the products and impact of the additions on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the products listed below are suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 46-48c and 41 CFR 51-2.4.

Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

- I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:
- 1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the products to the Government.
- 2. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the products to the Government.

3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the products proposed for addition to the Procurement List.

End of Certification

Accordingly, the following products are added to the Procurement List:

Products

Product/NSN: Tape, Pressure Sensitive; 7510-00-266-6707; 7510-00-266-6708; 7510-00-266-6710.

NPA: Cincinnati Association for the Blind, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Contracting Activity: Office Supplies & Paper Products Acquisition Center, New York, NY.

Deletion

On December 10, 2004, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice (69 FR 71778) of proposed deletion to the Procurement List.

After consideration of the relevant matter presented, the Committee has determined that the service listed below are no longer suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 46-48c and 41 CFR 51-2.4.

Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

- 1. The action may result in additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities.
- 2. The action may result in authorizing small entities to furnish the service to the Government.
- 3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41~U.S.C.~46-48c) in connection with the service deleted from the Procurement List.

End of Certification

Accordingly, the following service is deleted from the Procurement List:

Service

Service Type/Location: Food Service Attendant; Mississippi Air National Guard; Building 129, Dining Facility, Jackson, Mississippi.

NPA: Goodwill Industries of Mississippi, Inc., Ridgeland, Mississippi.

Contracting Activity: Mississippi Air National Guard, Jackson, Mississippi.

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General Counsel.
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